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Survey says... SHU not so 'dry'

By Julie Ann Nevero
Editor-in-Chief

An annual survey of freshman norms conducted by the University of California at Los Angeles revealed that beer drinking, abortion and casual sex are supported in higher numbers by Sacred Heart University freshman than by the national average in these same categories.

The study, a project of the Cooperative Institutional Research Program (CIRP), polled 275,811 freshmen students at 469 of the nation's two and four-year institutions.

Freshmen filled out a questionnaire in Freshman Seminar classes in the fall which were then sent to UCLA to be tabulated. When the results came back, Dean of Freshman Mike Bozzone compared the national numbers to those at Sacred Heart and copies were distributed to all freshman

advisers.

The national numbers showed a slight decline in beer drinking reporting that 51.6 percent of college freshmen admitted to drinking beer frequently or occasionally, down from 52.7 last year, while at SHU, which is a dry campus, 68.6 percent of freshmen drink beer. The same was true for wine and liquor; the national number was 54.9 percent, at SHU it is 69.6.

Bozzone believes the fact that most college freshmen drink stems from trying to fit into a social group.

"College freshmen come to college expecting that they need to drink," said Bozzone. "Those who don't usually do in order to fit in. It's hard to establish a group."

He said this is something we should know about, so we know how to "manage the campus."

The national numbers also showed a decline in support of

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Contributed Photo

The villagers of San Hilario await the arrival of the SHU delegation over Spring Break.

SHU returns to El Salvador San Hilario to welcome delegation back

By Brian Corasaniti
News Editor

A Sacred Heart University delegation is preparing for the spring 1999 trip to El Salvador. They will be headed to San Hilario, El Salvador from March 2 to 13 to build a supplement to the playground they made last year in the town.

Those interested in going submitted applications and a group of 16 students and faculty were chosen. The group includes Lauren Kempton, a SHU professor, her husband, Brooks Parmalee, a graduate student, Terry Neu, an

assistant professor of education, Mike Moylan and Hank Parkinson, graduate assistants in student life and SHU students Brian Merwin, Marianne Cardo, Michelle Day, Heather Heath, Melissa Hensley, Jeffrey Hoose, Elizabeth Lento, Kelly Libby, Beth Mitchell, Julia Torpey and Debbie Ventunelli.

"We had a lot of students apply this year and we had to give preference," said Donna Dodge, vice president for mission and planning.

Dodge said students are judged by their academic standing, seniority and application, among other criteria. She added that they group tries to have a

mixture of new students and those that have been on the trip before.

"You need the continuity and you want to bring new people in... we have a nice, diverse group," said Dodge.

The residents of the town met and decided on what project they would like the SHU delegation to work on when they arrive and then informed the group what they would like done. This year, they requested the delegation build benches and an awning to supplement the playground built last year.

In preparation for the trip, the

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By Matt Duda
Sports Editor

Two separate altercations involving two Sacred Heart athletes and one former athlete, which took place on Jan. 31 and Feb. 5, have resulted in two suspensions.

The first incident involved Jamel Keels, a freshman linebacker from Norwalk, who allegedly assaulted another freshman. According to Dean of Students Larry Wielk, and Fairfield police reports, Keels attacked freshman Marc Gregory of Cromwell in the fifth-floor kitchen of South Hall.

Gregory said he and two friends were cooking food at 3:20 a.m. when Keels and several other individuals came onto the floor. Gregory's companions exchanged words with Keels and his comrades, then, according to Gregory, "he came over and hit me for no reason."

Keels received a suspension from campus and cannot return to his dorm until Feb. 15. Wielk said that Keels also must serve week-



Shawn Jones

end suspensions from campus housing, perform community service, and undergo counseling.

Gregory was treated at St. Vincent's Medical Center and released. Fairfield police said they are investigating but no arrests or charges have been made. Keels was unavailable for comment.

The second incident involved two juniors, former SHU basketball guard Shawn Jones of Windsor and Chris Wilkinson, a tight end on the football team from New Hartford, N.Y.

According to Wielk and Di-



Chris Wilkinson

rector of Public Safety Bill O'Connell, the two were involved in a verbal dispute at the Sports Page Bar and Grill in Bridgeport. The argument escalated after both parties returned to campus and met outside the Jefferson Hill townhouses.

Jones and Wilkinson's accounts of the fight differ.

By the time Public Safety officers arrived on the scene at 1:09 a.m. on Feb. 5, the conflict had ended. A friend transported Wilkinson to St. Vincent's where he was treated for a broken nose

and multiple cuts on his face and then released. Fairfield police, fire department and an ambulance also responded to the incident. No charges were filed, and Jones received treatment in his room for cuts on his hand.

In accordance with policies contained in the university's student handbook, Wielk suspended Jones from school pending a judicial hearing. "The handbook says we have the right to remove individuals from campus who pose a threat to others," said Wielk.

It's not the first time Jones has found himself at odds with SHU and police officials. During the spring of 1997, he was suspended from school for the remainder of the semester until last fall.

According to O'Connell, Jones, "is no stranger to us," saying that he has been involved in several incidents at the school. Wielk says that Jones has been involved in at least two other vio-

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News Briefs

Alumni scholarship deadline in two weeks

The Alumni Executive Council Scholarship deadline for application submission is Feb. 26.

To be eligible, applying students must have completed a minimum of 30 credits by January and be attending Sacred Heart University full-time as a junior or senior for the 1999-2000 academic year when the scholarship funds will be credited.

Application materials are available in the offices of Campus Ministry, Student Life and University Financial Assistance. No handwritten applications will be accepted. Forms must be typed or recreated and computer generated.

Completed applications should be sent to; Office of Alumni Relations Scholarship Committee, c/o Jim Meeker, Sacred Heart University, 5151 Park Ave., Fairfield, Conn., 06432-1000.

SHU awarded \$15,000 foundation grant

Sacred Heart University has received a \$15,000 grant from the Chase Manhattan Foundation in support of its Science, Math, Area Resource Center

The Chase Manhattan Foundation is an independent, tax-exempt organization, providing gifts to non-profit agencies throughout the United States.

The funds will be used to provide hands-on teacher enhancement workshops in the areas of chemistry, physics, biology and educational technology. Each year, more than 700 teachers from throughout Connecticut come to SHU to take these workshops.

"Teachers and students learn by doing," said Babu George, professor of chemistry and SMART Center director. "All of the workshops are hands-on in nature and will equip the teachers with the materials and knowledge needed to implement the experiments in their classrooms on a discovery basis."

SHU students participate in math contest

A team of Sacred Heart University students participated in the 1999 Mathematical Contest in Modeling sponsored by COMAP. The team members were Brian Bunnell, Mike Koosa and Brandon Lyons.

They spent the weekend along with several other undergraduate teams across the U.S. and several other countries on one for the competition.

They wrote up a report of their results and submitted it for judging by a panel of experts from industry and academia.

The solution papers will be judged in March.

Winter Weekend Getaway Ski Trip cancelled

The Winter Weekend Getaway Ski Trip has been cancelled. Students who already signed up for the trip are encouraged to see Mike Moylan, operations assistant in the Student Union Office.

1998 Sacred Heart Yearbooks available now

The 1998 Sacred Heart University Yearbooks have arrived for SHU students. They are free to all full-time students from the 1997-1998 academic year in the Prologue Office.

Mandatory meeting for pre-nursing students

There is a series of meetings with Linda Strong coming from Feb. 24 to March 18. The meetings are from 8 to 9:15 a.m. on Feb. 23 in the Mahogany Room, 2 to 3 p.m. in SC-208 on Feb. 24 and 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. on Feb. 25 and March 18 in the Mahogany Room and mandatory for pre-nursing students to attend one session

- Compiled by Brian Corasaniti

What defines a Catholic University?

What defines a Catholic? What makes a Catholic University different from other colleges? How far should Church officials be allowed to go in order to ensure students attending Catholic colleges receive a Catholic education?

These are some of the questions being asked by bishops and college presidents in answer to the Vatican's assertion that the Church should be more involved in Catholic education. Pope John Paul II's "Ex corde Ecclesiae" ("From the Heart of the Church") states his desire for the Church to take a more assertive role in people's daily lives. This has extended into education.

According to Fr. Michael McLernon, Sacred Heart's Director of Pastoral Ministries, the focus on American schools comes from the vastly different roles the

Catholic Church plays in America and Europe.

"Separation of church and state is a foreign concept to Europeans," said McLernon.

In the United States, most Catholic universities were founded in order to produce the faith dur-

'Ex corde Ecclesiae'

The Catholic Church and the American Catholic University

A series by Tara S. Deenihan

ing a time when being Catholic carried with it a heavy stigma.

After World War II, men serving in the armed forces were given government funding to attend the college of their choice under the G.I. Bill. The resulting mix of students attending formerly exclusive colleges caused the government to pressure these institu-

tions to conform to the separation between church and state. Many schools founded on religious platforms are now state or public schools.

Many Catholic colleges are only considered Catholic in name. The Vatican's movement seeks to create a more spiritual environment within these institutions.

To some, this includes relinquishing control of Catholic schools to diocesan bishops, or at least allowing the local diocese a greater influence in university affairs.

On Feb. 25 at 2 p.m., SHU president Dr. Anthony Cerna will host a University-wide forum on the topic to inform the community of the facts of the argument.

"The issue really is, what does it mean to be catholic and how is that best expressed?" said McLernon.

Future unclear for old gym

By Guy Fortunato
Contributing Writer

Students attending mass weekly at the old gym no longer have to share it with other school functions.

The old gym was renovated over winter break to better accommodate the many students that attend Sunday mass.

Prior to the break, the old gym was used for many different functions which included intramural sports, club gatherings and lectures.

"The only thing that I am sure of is that we will have this area for the rest of the academic year for the sole purpose of conducting mass there," said Fr. Michael McLernon, director of Pastoral Ministry. "After this semester I honestly do not know what will become of the area that we are presently using for a chapel."

According to Larry Wielk, dean of students, there is a great deal to think about in delegating the space in the old gym for different functions.

"Currently, we are still conducting meetings about our options," said Wielk. "The back wall is equipped with 24 computer jacks, so we would like to utilize them if possible. It is a difficult dilemma because we use this area for a place of worship on Sundays. We are in the process of finding a balance."

Like many other organizations and clubs on campus, stu-



Photo by Kerrie Darress

Campus Minister Tricia Leonard Pasley reads in the old chapel.

dent government is interested in the space being used as the chapel.

"We think the chapel is a good idea," said Mike Dutton, vice president for the Student Events Team.

"Contrary to some rumor, we were never promised any space in the old gym. Lack of space is just a fact at this university because we are growing at such a rapid pace. All universities experience these growing pains at some point. Using the old gym for a chapel is the best thing right now," said Dutton.

Some students said that since SHU has a religious affiliation that there should be a chapel that feels more permanent.

"Religion is an important aspect of life at Sacred Heart University. Each week about 350-450 students attend mass, no matter where it's being held. We want to keep all the positive energy on campus that we can. I hope we find a permanent solution to this," said Justin Venech, a graduate assistant at campus ministry from Bridgeport.

Fight: Two SHU athletes on suspension due to altercation

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lations of SHU policy in this academic year. On Dec. 12, Head basketball Coach Dave Bike suspended Jones from the team indefinitely after his arrest at the Stratford nightclub Premier. Jones is due in court on Feb. 17 to answer to breach of peace charges.

Jones said that the fight with Wilkinson is over and he is trying to put it behind him. "It was just a fight. He started it, I finished it,"

Jones said. Wilkinson said that the fight never should have occurred. "I don't think he should have been in school here this year," said Wilkinson. "After he got kicked off the basketball team and other stuff, I don't think he should have been here."

Jones returned to his Windsor home on Monday, seemingly with no intent on returning to SHU. Wielk says that Jones has the opportunity to defend himself at a judicial hearing scheduled to take place this week.

El Salvador: SHU returns

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delegation has been meeting for two hours every Sunday afternoon since Jan. 31 to prepare for the trip.

"The delegation every year goes down and works hard. If we were better people, we'd go down longer. The sacrifices we make are minimal," said Brian Merwin, a junior from Belmore, N.Y. who is returning to El Salvador for his third year.

West Hall damage disaster

By Tara S. Deenihan
Associate Editor

An early morning rampage left the third and first floors of West Hall with \$2,805 worth of damage on Tuesday.

A report by Maintenance shows most of the damage concentrated to the 302 bathroom. A stall was ripped out of the wall and destroyed, the handicap stall door and safety bar damaged, toilet paper dispensers damaged or are missing, and screens, wall tiles, sink handles and shower hoses all must be replaced.

In the kitchen, screens were damaged and coils pulled out of the oven. Also, bulletin boards were ripped down and destroyed in the hallways, and toilet paper dispensers in the 311 bathroom were removed and missing.

The damages are estimated to have taken place between 4 and 5:30 a.m. Director of Residential Life Cathy Raynis says her office is currently working to find the guilty parties.

"Public Safety and ourselves are collecting reports from everyone on that floor," she said. "We have some leads, and we're following them."

She also said that students wishing to file anonymous reports will be permitted to do so.

"We don't want to charge everyone, we want to find who did it," said Raynis.



Above, the West hall 302 bathroom, which suffered extensive damage early Tuesday morning. At left, Buildings and Grounds worker Dan Lucas with a damaged toilet. The total damages incurred are estimated at \$2,805.

Photos by Kerrie Darress

Freshman: Support alcohol, sex and abortion

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abortion and casual sex. Abortion was supported by 50.9 percent of freshmen nationally while 57.7 supported it at SHU. Nationally, 39.6 percent of freshmen supported casual sex stating that, "If two people really like each other, it's all right for them to have sex even if they've known each other for a very short time" whereas it was supported by 47.7 percent of freshman at Sacred Heart.

Freshmen had their own insight with regard to the high numbers in these categories.

"Nowadays, college students want to experience life and this is they way they rebel," said Gaetano Marra, from West Haven.

Most freshmen believe that

on-campus drinking is heavily practiced at SHU.

Marra said he always hears people talking about weekend plans and that they usually always involve alcohol. "I live on the first floor so I hear everyone stumble into the dorm after a night out," he said. Marra believes that as a Catholic college we should be concerned but says there's not much we can do about it. "I think they (drinking and casual sex) are just stages in our life that we have to get through to make us better people in the long run."

Jessica Andrade, from Lakeville, Mass., thinks that the reason why freshmen drink on campus is because there is nothing else for freshmen to do. "A lot of us (freshmen) don't have cars so we can't really go anywhere,

like a club," she said.

She too has seen evidence of drinking in the freshman dorms. "There are always beer cans in the elevators on weekends," she said. "People are obnoxiously loud too."

Beer cans? Shouting? Where are the Resident Assistants, one might ask? Andrade says she has heard of people who are documented for their behavior but believes that a lot of people get away with it as well.

As a Catholic University, Andrade says that drinking has nothing to do with it. "Being at a Catholic University doesn't require us to be any more moral than others," she said. "If anything, as a Catholic University, we should be concerned with those students who supported abortion."

On a lighter note, Sacred Heart was ahead of the game in Volunteerism. Nationally, 42.1 percent of freshmen volunteer at least one hour a week. At Sacred Heart, 52.3 percent of freshmen volunteer.

Surveyors say the study is conducted to "provide a normative profile of the American freshman population for use by individuals engaged in policy analysis, human resource planning, campus administration, educational research, and guidance and counseling," and Bozzone believes it does just that.

He and other freshman advisers use the study when discussing what changes they should make in the Freshman Seminar class.

"It is an instructional tool," Bozzone said. "It tells us what the student's priorities are, what their thoughts are and how to take care of them."

PUBLIC SAFETY RELEASES

Public Safety Releases from Feb. 1 to Feb. 7

Feb. 1: 1:22 a.m.- Parkridge resident reported students were vandalizing a picnic table. Officers responded and found a damaged chair and trash strewn about the area. The responsible students were brought.

7:06 a.m.- West Hall fire alarm received; no problem found.

9:29 a.m.- Student reported being harassed by a male in the computer lab in HC.

12:15 p.m.- Staff member reported their vehicle had been hit and damaged while parked in front of the Academic Building. Vehicle responsible was identified as a delivery van, which was found at the Administration Building. Driver of delivery van admitted hitting the vehicle in front of the Academic Building and leaving the scene. Fairfield Police responded.

2:18 p.m.- South Hall resident came to the Public Safety Office and requested to press criminal charges against a student that assaulted him on Jan. 31. Fairfield Police were notified and responded.

8:38 p.m.- Staff member reported she fell on Jan. 26 in the Faculty/Staff Lot and was now experiencing pain.

10:31 p.m.- West Hall resident reported receiving harassing phone calls from an acquaintance.

Feb. 2: 12:21 a.m.- Officer observed a broken window in the Academic Building.

2:30 a.m.- Resident student reported receiving harassing phone calls.

2:41 p.m.- Faculty member reported a student briefly passed out in class; Officer responded. Student was transported to Health Services.

Feb. 3: 8:00 a.m.- Staff member reported her vehicle received damage while she was driving into the Park Avenue House parking lot.

10:20 a.m.- Staff member reported a West Hall washing machine had been vandalized.

4:16 p.m.- Shuttle van was hit by another vehicle, which left the scene, at Madison Avenue and Cleveland Street in Bridgeport. BPT Police notified. No students in the van at the time; the driver was not injured.

6:12 p.m.- Vandalized bathroom was reported in the library.

6:28 p.m.- Flik staff member reported confronting a student who had stolen from the Marketplace, at which time the student verbally harassed her.

8:46 p.m.- South Hall fire alarm caused by burnt food.

10:20 p.m.- South Hall resident hit her head and lost consciousness. Fairfield Police, Fire and AMR Ambulance responded. She was transported via ambulance to the hospital.

Feb. 4: 12:24 a.m.- South Hall resident reported injuring his arm. He was given an ice pack and a friend drove him to the hospital.

1:38 a.m.- Officer observed a vandalized door in West Hall.

12:31 p.m.- West Hall fire alarm received; no problem found.

3:03 p.m.- Staff member reported being injured yesterday and is now experiencing pain.

8:49 p.m.- Pitt Center staff member reported the theft of a spare tire cover from their vehicle while parked in the Pitt Center lot.

11:48 p.m.- Parkridge Officer reported observing vandalism at one of the apartments.

Feb. 5: 1:09 a.m.- Fight at Jefferson Hill reported. Fairfield Police, Fire and Ambulance responded to treat an injured student; student was ultimately driven to the hospital by a friend. Ambulance EMTs also treated the student responsible for the assault.

2:15 a.m.- Police investigated a report of a vehicle damaged in the Jefferson Hill lot during the above assault.

5:50 a.m.- South Hall fire alarm caused by cigarette smoking in the lobby.

4:23 p.m.- West Hall fire alarm caused by dust in smoke detector.

Feb. 6: 12:14 p.m.- Taft resident reported the theft of a roof rack container from his vehicle while parked on Taft Avenue between Thursday and Saturday. Referred to the Bridgeport Police Department.

Feb. 7: 12:28 a.m.- South Hall Residential Life staff reported an odor of marijuana; Residential Life conducted a search of the room, found and confiscated a small amount of marijuana.

2:10 a.m.- Officer observed a vehicle with a broken windshield in the Pitt Center Lot. Owner of the vehicle, a Jefferson Hill resident, contacted. Fairfield Police Department responded to file a report.

2:54 a.m.- Parkridge Officer observed a discharged fire extinguisher in South Hall; it was replaced.

3:12 a.m.- Officer observed a discharged fire extinguisher; it was replaced.

2:42 p.m.- West Hall fire alarm caused by burning candle (violation of Housing regulations); candle was confiscated.

11:20 p.m.- West Hall fire alarm caused by burnt popcorn.

Feb. 8: 12:01 a.m.- West Hall resident reported receiving harassing phone calls and a visit (while she was not in) from a male friend who resides off campus.

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Editorials

Students: Put down your dukes and talk

The recent suspension of two Sacred Heart University students for fighting is a sad example of how out of control the use of fighting has become in resolving disagreements.

Granted, Sacred Heart is not Riker's Island, but it is not Woodstock either. We are all adults here who should behave accordingly. Are we all such simpletons that violence has become our problem solver? And at an institution of higher education, and one with a Catholic tradition to boot, what message do we send when the school has to suspend our students for fighting?

And what is solved by the situation? It is hard to believe they could not have solved their problem any other way than to break out respective cans of whoop ass on each other. It isn't likely that the thought of talking out their differences occurred to them, and that is a shame.

If we as students want to be treated as adults, we must act like them first. And if we decide to act no better than a pack of lions fighting over a mate, then we should expect to be treated like them as well.

Don't love just on Valentine's Day

It's almost here. February 14 is St. Valentine's Day. A day when we are supposed to recognize the ones we love. Couples all over the nation plan romantic getaways and intimate evenings. They spend months planning for a single day which begs the question, what makes this day so special?

If you are in love with someone, you love them everyday. Why do we have to set aside a day when people should love each other more? And what happens when the day is over? Do we stop loving them? We should give and receive this love every day of the week.

All this day does is make those who haven't been hit by the cupid's arrow feel bad about not being in love. If you don't have a companion, the day does nothing for you. They can't even turn on the television without seeing some sappy, romantic love story.

There are other people besides a partner to love on Valentine's Day, like our parents, our siblings and friends, yet the day's focus seems to be on lovers in love. Don't forget to love them. Not just on Valentine's Day, but every day of the year.

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The SHU Voices

What are your plans for Valentine's Day?



Neil Welch
Senior
Seekonk, Mass.

"I am going to relax and enjoy my girlfriend's company."



Meredith LaParle
First-year student
Fair Lawn, N.J.

"My boyfriend and I will spend a romantic night together cooking dinner."



Ted Miller
Junior
Rochester, N.Y.

"I will be sitting on my butt all day because I have no plans."

Wielk encourages all to remember the University's mission

Even though the days haven't been as cold as usual at this time of the year and the snow (what little we have had) has barely affected our days, this has in some ways become the "winter of our discontent" at Sacred Heart. A series of violent incidents, which began in early December and has continued through the early part of this semester, is both deeply disturbing and quite alarming to those of us who strive daily

to form a community rooted in the Catholic intellectual tradition centered on the principles of our University Mission Statement.

In four of the past five weekends in which classes were in session, violent physical assaults carried out by one or more members of the Sacred Heart community against another or others has seen at least three hospitalized and two others that required some form of medical attention. In all four of these incidents, not to my surprise, but nonetheless to my dis-

appointment, alcohol was a contributing factor.

The issues of physical violence and drinking (by both of age and under age students alike) are ones that we as faculty and administrators grapple with constantly in the student development process. These incidents go far beyond these surface issues and smacks right at the heart of what Sacred Heart is all about; our ability to respect the dignity and worth of each and every individual within our community.

To refresh all of our memories, let me repeat for you the last paragraph of our University Mission Statement:

"From its founding, the University has been recognized for its caring approach to students. This expresses the University's belief that each student is born with a unique set of qualities and skills. It respects the personal and academic freedom of each of its members while, at the same time, fostering a genuine experience of

community. By so doing, it creates the environment in which each person in the University shares in the common goals and a common commitment to truth, justice and concern for others."

At this time I would like to issue a challenge to all of us in the Sacred Heart University community to re-visit these core values of the University Mission Statement in all that we do each and every day.

And, let's not be afraid to stand up to those that fail to meet the challenge; when you hear language that is unsuitable in the hallways, stop and point it out. Instead of people riding buses to bars, let's fill up the buses to the hockey rink to cheer on our men's and women's teams. And, instead of lining up in the Dean of Students office for a judicial hearing, let's all set our sights on the Dean's List for academics.

This challenge will need to be taken up on all fronts, not just by the students. The Student Affairs staff are working with the students to facilitate programming

that educates and provides a social environment outside of the classroom that leads to a cohesive community of Christian learners.

The faculty continue to work to raise the bar for academics in a rigorous way that challenges each and every student consistently. And, if need be, myself and Public Safety will have to raise the level of enforcement and subsequent sanctions on campus.

Up until now, these violent acts have carried immediate suspensions from the residence halls. Effective immediately, I am putting the University community on notice that in all future transgressions of this nature, an immediate suspension from the entire University will be imposed.

As we near the start of the Lenten season, and interestingly enough, Ash Wednesday falls right in the middle of Peace and Love week on campus, let us all come together as a community to reclaim the dignity of the human person and to act with a sense of civility and decency towards each other.

By Larry Wielk,
Dean of Students

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STUDENT FRUSTRATED BY TEL-COM PROBLEMS

Letter to the Editor:

I woke up one morning last week at 7:30a.m. by my phone ringing. My father called explaining that my grandmother had become very sick. He wanted me to call my grandmother and commented that it had taken him an hour to get through to my phone. It then took me two hours to call my grandmother, who was very sick but happy that I had called.

After that situation was resolved, I went to school to continue my day. I went to the library to print out a paper in the computer lab down stairs. Apparently no computers in the lab were able to print out to the printer. The only computers that worked were reserved for the learning disabled. I asked the reference secretary if I might be able to use those computers for a one page paper. She flatly refused me and walked out of the lab.

I walked then to the computer lab in the school, to print out my paper. Out of twenty computers, 19 did not work. The computer that did work gave my disk a virus. I looked around for an attendant to help me with my problem. The student working at the desk could not hear my question because he had a Walkman on and was reading a magazine at the time. After summoning him from his music, I questioned him about my problem of printing. Apparently the only thing he knew how to do was turn the computer on and off.

Time was growing short, and I needed a computer to print from before my class. I proceeded then to the computer help desk to retrieve my computer. This was the first time I had seen it in two weeks because of a problem with my modem. I took the computer home and quickly hooked it up to my printer. Upon turning the computer on however, I realized something was missing. Microsoft Word was not on my computer. In fact every single program from Microsoft Office was missing.

As I am writing this letter to the editor, the entire school network has shut down. Lets say, I lay bleeding to death from a self inflicted wound because I am angry and fed up with technology at SHU. I have tried to call Public Safety at 7995, but the number is busy. I have tried the emergency line 7996, but it was busy as well. I then tried to call 911 it was also busy. I guess I deserve my fate. Spending thousands of dollars was just not enough for competence in my laptop. Spending thousands of dollars was just not enough to have competence in the computer labs and their employees. Spending thousands of dollars was just not enough to have a phone switch installed, instead of it lying in boxes in the mailroom, so I could call outside the school. I have tried the emergency line one last time and also 911, they are still busy. There is no hope for me I have lost too much blood. I hope that you, (the students) carry on my fight against these tragedies. Also, if you can call an ambulance for me I would appreciate it; if you can get through.

Brian P. Merwin
Junior

UMOJA MEMBER UPSET BY ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN FEB. 4 ISSUE OF THE SPECTRUM

Letter to the Editor:

I am writing in regards to the article published in your previous issue entitled, "Umoja: voice of leadership."

This article, written by Danielle DeName, was poorly researched. As reporters it is my assumption that you attempt to report news and facts to the public. So how is it possible that such an inaccurate article could have been written and even published?

The quotes within the article were either rewritten or never said. You reported events that never took place, left out important details and misspelled names. The UMOJA constitution was not written as you reported. In actuality,

Jesse White worked with Taniesha Mitchner (whose name you misspelled) to acquire the information necessary to create a constitution. When Keysha Whitaker and myself heard that White was starting an organization, we decided to help him with its creation. The three of us then got together with Grace Lim and created the constitution for UMOJA.

The article was filled with misinformation. It shows the lack of effort that went into writing it. I strongly suggest that the article be rewritten using actual facts and not made up ones.

Shasky Charles
UMOJA member

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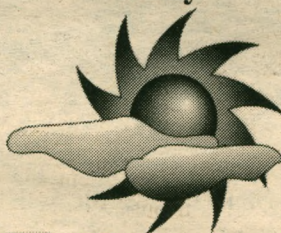
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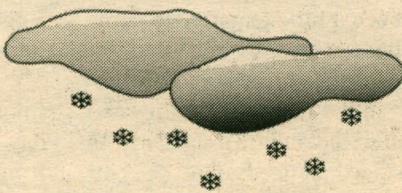
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FEATURES

Counseling Center offers students comfort

By Gregory J. Bavedas
Contributing Writer

Students can receive free and confidential counseling for emotional and stress related problems at the University's Counseling Center located in the brick house behind the South Lot on Park Ave.

Like many of the counseling programs created at other universities across the country, the Sacred Heart Counseling Center helps full and part-time students who are feeling overwhelmed and are experiencing the stress of "juggling it all."

Students face different problems at times and the Counseling Center stands ready for anyone who needs help.

"It was a good idea to make this service available to part-time students as well as full-time students," said Patricia Aquila

Klauser, a career counselor doing an internship for a Masters Degree in personal counseling. "Some of the part-timers, especially the adults, have different problems than younger students," she added.

Problems can range from difficulties at home to academic stress experienced at school. According to Klauser, the age of the student usually factors in when addressing stress related emotional ailments.

"The majority of the problems I see in the cases referred to me are anxiety related," said Klauser. "The cause of the stress can be due to relationships, marriage problems, academic stress, and unrealistic academic expectations."

No matter what the problem may be, the goal of the Counseling Center is to get people who are having difficulties to come in

and talk.

"We are always here and the door is always open," said Klauser. "It's a good way to have someone that's not a family member or a teacher to bounce your problems off," she said.

Confidentiality also plays a major role when students discuss their problems at the counseling center, according to Klauser.

"The student's problems are left in the room; whatever they say stays," said Klauser. "Confidentiality and having someone to talk to are always a good thing," she added.

Sr. Anne Louise Nedeau is the head of the Counseling Center which is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students can call 371-7955 to make an appointment or just drop by. There are three counselors available to talk with students.



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Counseling Center advisors Sr. Ann Nedeau (left) and Jocelyn Novella (right).



Athletes from the men's rugby team at the Activities Fair last fall

Photo by Kerrie Darress

Spring Activities Fair discussed

By Kelly-Ann Franklin
Contributing Writer

The Council of Clubs and Organizations (CCO), discussed the idea of having an Activities Fair this spring at its first meeting of the semester. The event is temporarily planned for Feb. 16 in the Mahogany Room.

According to C.C.O. vice-president Ted Miller, this second fair will be smaller than the one held annually in the fall, but will still provide the same opportunity for clubs and organizations to showcase themselves for the student body.

"It's for transfer students, and even some freshmen who may have been a little tentative to come out before," said Miller.

SHU students, especially freshmen, are encouraged to take part in the various activities and clubs that are available. Students are invited to join an organization that suits their needs or to take part in activities sponsored by the Student Events Team.

According to Miller, president of the S.E.T., the opportunity will give students who may not

have seen everything the first time around the chance to find out about the organizations at the University.

However, because of constricting time schedules some students are too busy to join one.

"I spend most of my time doing work," said Jenny Herb, a freshman from Southington. Herb would eventually like to join a club after she finishes her freshman year.

"After I get totally settled in and find the time to join one, I will," said Herb.

Clubs at SHU include Habitat for Humanity, Commuter Council, some clubs representing various majors such as Athletic Training, Pre-Physical Therapy, and the English Club. There are also athletic club teams like the Men's and Women's Rugby teams, the Martial Arts Team, and several intramural programs.

Plans for the spring Activities Fair will be finalized at the next C.C.O. meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 10 a.m. in the West Hall Great Room. For any student wishing to see a complete listing of clubs and organizations offered, a directory is available in the Student Government office located in Hawley Lounge.

Finding new faith

Fr. McLernon invites all to celebrate

By Mike Kuchar
Features Editor

With Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, coming Feb. 17, many Catholics are preparing for a time of offering and faith to their religion.

For the first time since Fr. Michael McLernon has been director of pastoral ministry at SHU, there are no catechumens willing to take the step into the Catholic religion.

According to Fr. McLernon, catechumens are people who are preparing to enter a church who have never been baptized as Catholics. This year, Fr. McLernon is offering anyone to be inaugurated into the church.

"Usually every year, there are about two or three catechumens who participate in Lent, this year I invite the whole SHU community for the celebration," McLernon said.

Members of the church who

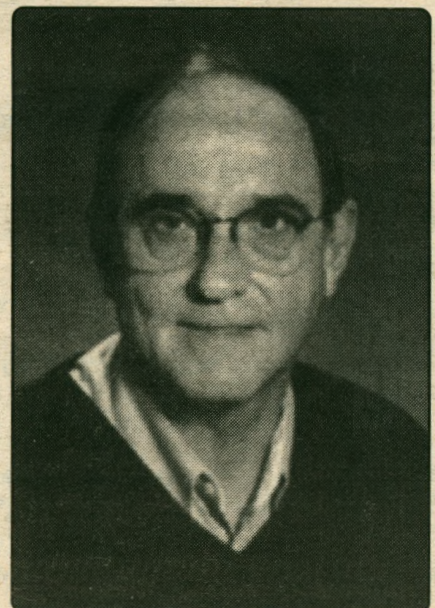
wish to participate can sign their name into a book called the "Naming of the Catechumens" in which they enroll themselves, and their faith, into the Catholic religion.

"Ash Wednesday mass represents the giving of Lent and symbols, and most of the Lent readings are geared toward catechumens," said McLernon.

New members of the catechumenal community will congregate one day a week for the next four weeks of Lent for "breaking of the word," a discussion of the readings that were given at Sunday mass each week.

"We meet every week to talk about the impact of the scripture readings and how they apply to our daily lives," said McLernon. "We hold it as an open forum to anyone who wishes to get involved," he concluded.

Services for Ash Wednesday will be at noon, 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.



File Photo

Fr. Michael McLernon

Black Inventions and their Inventors

In honor of Black History Month

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Disposable syringe	Phil Brooks
Photo print wash	Clatonia J. Dorticus
Defroster	Frederick M. Jones
Pencil sharpener	John L. Love
Hair brush	Lyda Newman
Lawn sprinkler	J.W. Smith
Galvanic battery	Granville T. Woods

Seniors to retreat to Trinita

By Rob Loud
Contributing Writer

Sign-ups for the Senior Retreat on Feb. 19 to the 21 at the Trinita Retreat Center in New Hartford, will be held on Friday, Feb. 12 at Campus Ministry.

The retreat is funded by Campus Ministry which all inclusive package requires a donation of \$15 and includes meals, lodging and scheduled events.

Guest speakers will discuss transitions between college life and the "real world", as well as the transition between dating and marriage.

"The speakers will be focusing on transition," said Jennifer Jacques, senior retreat coordinator. "Seniors are coming to an

important part of their lives, where transition will be crucial," Jacques added.

In addition to the guest speakers, prayer services throughout the weekend will be a major part of the retreat.

"There will be a morning prayer, as well as prayer services throughout the day," said Fr. Michael McLernon, director of pastoral ministry.

"There may be a mass on Sunday depending on the amount of students planning to attend when they arrive back at school," he added.

The retreat center is located in an isolated area where according to Jacques, students can relax and enjoy the scenery.

"The Trinita Retreat Center is a secluded, old farmhouse. It has lots of space and trails we can

take advantage of," said Jacques. "The retreat is run by students and faculty, and everyone will have time to socialize, as well as reminisce about their years at Sacred Heart and at home," she said.

According to some students, the retreat may prove to be more than just a getaway.

"I feel this retreat is a good time to explore your spirituality," said Kelly Libby, a senior from Enfield. "It is a good way to talk with your friends about past and future experiences."

Libby was a retreat leader on Encounter, last semester's four-day excursion and believes that this semester's trip will be just as pleasurable.

"Encounter was a very spiritual experience, and I am sure next week will be the same," she said.

Campus Happenings

Senior retreat sign-ups

The retreat to Trinita Retreat Center in New Hartford on Feb. 19 to 21 will have sign-ups at Campus Ministry today. A donation of \$15 is required for a package that includes meals, lodging and scheduled events.

Skate with the Lady Pioneers

The women's ice hockey team will host a skate-off at the Milford Ice Pavilion from 6 to 7p.m. on Sunday, Valentine's Day. Admission is \$3 for students and \$5 for the general public.

Outing club meeting

The Outing Club will hold a meeting tonight at 9 p.m. in the Mahogany Room.

Faculty Auction

Bid for anything from Broadway tickets to a faculty member doing your laundry on Feb. 15 at 8 p.m. in the Mahogany Room.

"Get Healthy"

There will be a health screening on Feb. 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of Public Safety.

--Compiled by Mike Kuchar

Club pictures to be taken next week:

The Prologue will be taking all club and organization pictures for the 1999 yearbook next week in the Prologue office.

Times are as follows:

Mon. 5-8, Tue. 6-9, Thur. 9-5, Fri. 12-3.

Interested clubs and organizations must sign up on the sheets provided on the door of the Prologue office, across from the Mahogany Room.

The deadline is this month but if you cannot make it next week, the Prologue will try to accomodate you but you must contact us (@ 7962) before next week.



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Center for Performing Arts begins spring season

By Christopher Cirri
Contributing Writer

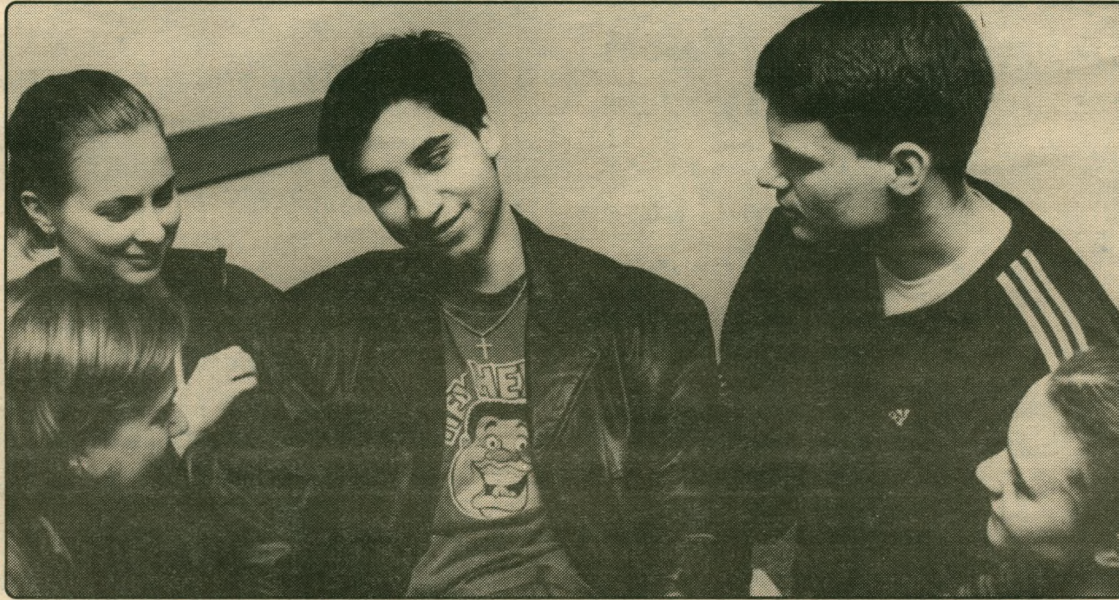
Students enrolled in Drama Practicum II and the faculty of Language Literature and Media Studies will be presenting "Our Town" in Sacred Heart's Center for the Performing Arts this March.

The American classic, "Our Town," was written by Thornton Wilder. It focuses on the notion that "the past cannot be re-lived."

The play is centered around a small New England town, whose residents are too preoccupied with life's petty annoyances to enjoy life to its fullest.

"Our Town" is considered to be unique in that its set and scenery are virtually nonexistent. Wilder chose to focus more on the message of his play, rather than the aesthetics.

Veterans of the stage Jeff Hoose, D-Wayne Davis, Tom



Members of the "Our Town" cast look forward to their March performances.

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Wuestkamp, Peter Hahn, Betania Magalhaes and Erin Lozano will all be appearing in the play.

Sophomore, and first-year actor Brian Polovoy said, "I am

extremely excited to be a performer in this play."

He went on to say, "This will not only be a good time for the audience, but also the cast."

"Our Town" will be directed by Professor Richard McKinnon.

He has directed many plays at the University, and is pleased with the turn-out of interested students.

"There are 48 students in the cast, and I am hoping that some faculty will join us before we open," he said.

McKinnon thought "Our Town" was an ideal play for Sacred Heart.

"I love to choose plays with a lot of parts. It gets a lot of students involved," he said.

Freshman Chris Economy was cast in the role of Simon Stimson, the town drunk.

He has enjoyed working with McKinnon.

"He is a lot of fun to work with. He knows how to make everyone feel comfortable and he is open to many of the actor's thoughts and ideas," said Economy.

Performances of "Our Town" will be held March 19-20 and 25-28. Tickets and information are available at The Center's box office. They can be contacted at 374-2777.

Perfect holiday film: Sparks fly between Costner and Penn in 'Message in a Bottle'

By Frances Moore
A&E Editor

After seeing a sneak preview of the film "Message in a Bottle" last Saturday night, some members of the audience could be heard saying, "I thought it was much better than the book."

Based on the novel by Nicholas Sparks, it was easy to see that the film version was very much like his other books in that it was filled with the kind of idealistic romances for which he is famous.

A true film critic might consider the film to be too predictable and lavish.

But for those who love romance, laughter and don't mind quite a few tears (as a point of reference, the film's director, Luis Mandoki, also directed "When a Man Loves a Woman"), "Message in a Bottle" is the perfect chick-flick for the Valentine season.

Theresa Osborne, played by Robin Wright-Penn, is a researcher for a newspaper office in Chicago. While on vacation, she finds a corked bottle embedded in the wet sand of a Cape Cod beach.

Inside the bottle is a love letter, written by a heart-broken man, and addressed to his deceased wife, Catherine.

The letter is written in such a beautiful way that Theresa becomes obsessed with finding its

author.

She traces the letter to a Garrett Blake, Kevin Costner, in North Carolina's Outer Banks (also signature Sparks).

After spending one day together, the two fall in love, and spend the next few days absorbed in each other.

But Garrett still has not recovered from the loss of his wife, Catherine, and Theresa must compete for his heart.



Robin Wright-Penn looks for love in "Message in a Bottle."

The film runs the gamut from firesides to ocean sides, from romantic rainy nights to carefree sunlit days.

No dramatics are left out, either, from passion, to sorrow to heroism.

Paul Newman, who plays the part of Costner's father, proves his staying power and delivers a comic timing that provides relief throughout the film. He is also responsible for the loss of a few tears.

There are no surprises in the plot, no complications or biting social criticisms.

The movie is just a simple romance.

At the risk of sounding cliché, "Message in a Bottle" is the perfect movie for those who will be looking for extra romance on Feb. 14.

But even if you don't have a date, bring some friends, or go by yourself, and definitely bring some tissues.

Picks From the Past...

Life's little-known secrets:

Kerouac's 'On the Road' teaches forgotten philosophies from ages past

By Frances Moore
A&E Editor

During the school year, it is hard to find time to do any recreational reading. Everyone gets tied up in their work.

However, for people who have the time and desire to read something that is different from the pulp fiction that plagues the Walden Books displays, and to take a different perspective on the world, should try Jack Kerouac's "On The Road."

It was written in 1951, when Kerouac was the "Beat Generation" hero.

"On the Road" is not only a perfect example of beat literature, it is considered to be its defining novel.

For those who are not familiar with this revolutionary movement, a short explanation might be in order.

It was a change in the way America's youth saw the world. It was pre-hippie era, but just as revolutionary. But more than that, it was a rebellion against the sugar-sweet life that coated American society.

According to Ann Charters, in her book "The Portable Beat Reader," the term "beat," as a

slang word, emerged after World War II. Jazz musicians and hustlers used the word to describe feeling exhausted and poor.

(From that slang usage, came phrases like "dead beat," "beat-up," and "beatnik.")

A young group of writers, many of whom attended prestigious schools like Columbia, became familiar with the word through street connections, in most cases, their drug dealers.

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They began to use it in their literature, to describe their own life and surroundings. This group included Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg, and William S. Burroughs, to name a few.

As a result, their controversial literature is mainly self-defining literature that reflects their exhausted attitudes toward society. They were tired of life as most Americans knew it.

Beat literature usually in-

volves fast life, fast love, drugs, philosophy and relationships, and is often based on real life experiences.

"On the Road" is, in part, biographical. Kerouac tells the story of a young man who hitchhikes across the country, from the east coast, to the west coast, and even through Mexico.

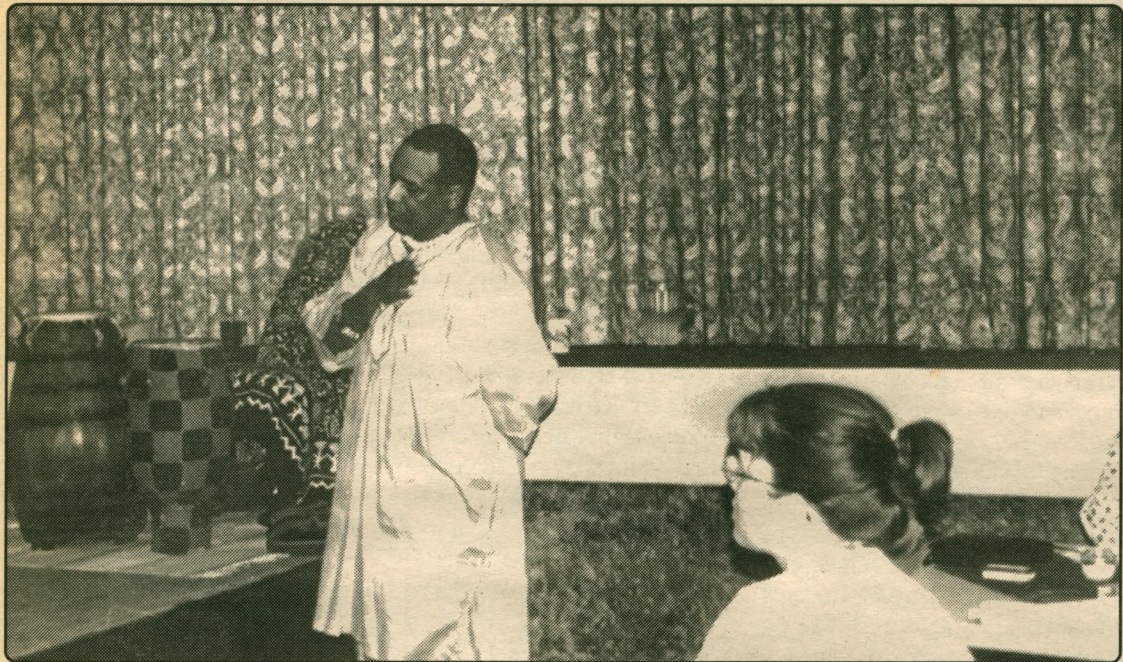
Through the narrator, Sal Paradise, Kerouac reflects the real-life jazz sessions, drug sessions and the different kinds of relationships that were forming all over the United States.

In-depth conversations between the narrator and his friends provide the reader with the Beat Generation's philosophy of life.

Kerouac does not write about these events to encourage drug use, or even hitchhiking. "On the Road" is just a philosophy.

He does not invent his stories. He reflects the changing times. Drug use is portrayed as a reality, not an encouragement. In other words, Kerouac just writes life as he sees and lives it.

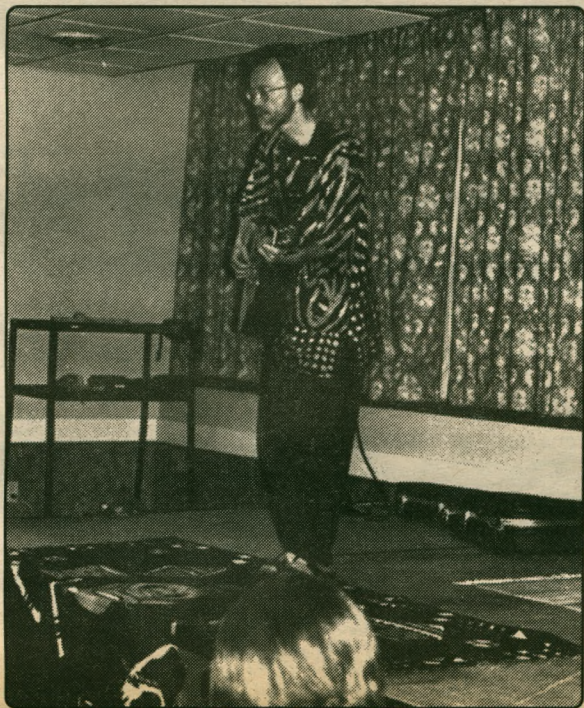
Getting through the first few chapters is a little tough, especially for first-time readers. If you push through it, however, I guarantee that you will, at the very least, have learned a few things about life.



The African-American Coffeehouse was an event for SHU's celebration of Black History Month..

Scenes from the latest International Center's Coffeehouses

Photos by Debbie Paduano



A performance from last Thursday's Coffeehouse.

A&E Briefs

Tonight's events

Tonight, in the University's Gallery for Contemporary Art, Lou Hicks will give an Artist Talk. Hicks, whose exhibit, "Places," opened this past Sunday, will discuss her paintings and prints. Her work will remain in the Gallery until March 4. The talk will begin at 7 p.m., and refreshments will be served.

The Mahogany Room will host an evening of jazz music tonight at 7:30 p.m. "The Jazz Cafe" is free for SHU students, general admission is \$8.

Outpost Pub hosts local bands

This spring, the Outpost Pub will serve as host for new area bands. The band committee of the Student Events Team has arranged for over four bands to come to SHU to perform in the spring semester. The first concert will be Wed. at 10 p.m. featuring "The Brian Bauers Rock Band."

John Popper comes to New Haven

Toad's Place, a New Haven bar, is known for hosting various successful bands, local, national and even international. The bar, which hosted the popular Irish band, "Black 47," last weekend, will present "Frogwings" on Friday night. "Frogwings" is a band comprised of "Blues Traveler's" John Popper, three members of the "Allman Brothers Band," and three musicians from various bands. Advance tickets are \$16.50, or pay \$20 at the door. "Derek Trucks Band" opens for "Frogwings" at 9 p.m. Door opens at 8 p.m. For more information, call Toad's Place at 624-TOAD.

--Compiled by Frances Moore

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(W) Swimming 6-5	Manhattan Coast Guard	193-62 149-71

Pioneers: Beat struggling arch rival, 72-64

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It was the second straight game the Pioneers have struggled from the field. SHU struggled from the field in a 70-55 loss at Albany Saturday.

Sophomore point guard Kurt Reis backed up Randazzo with 11 points and five assists. Freshman Jim Reeves was a key down the stretch, finishing with 10 points on 8-10 shooting from the free-throw line.

Sophomore Tim Welch, starting in place of Mindaugas Lydeka, grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds while senior co-captain Dave Fesko pulled down 10.

Once a bitter rivalry, the SHU-Bridgeport games of late have failed to match the intense battles of the 1970's and '80's. Until the

early '90's, both schools fielded powerhouse Division II teams, often facing each other with NECC titles on the line.

They infrequently squared off in regional NCAA action with SHU holding a 3-1 all-time lead in that series.

Bridgeport's lone post-season win over SHU came in 1972. Bridgeport defeated the Pioneers 107-89 in Worcester, Mass. SHU finished with a 24-4 record that year.

In 1985, the Bill Bayno-led Pioneers defeated the Manute Bol-led Purple Knights in a 47-45 post-season grudge match. SHU owns the all-time series lead 39-20.

SHU also prevailed in the most memorable game in the series, the NCAA regional championship of 1989 in Waltham, Mass., when senior All-America Tony

Judkins' off-balance three-pointer transformed a one-point loss into a 69-67 triumph.

Bike says that the closing of the SHU Box took a lot of spirit from the annual contest. "The great games were in the old gym," Bike said. "This is the second time we've played here (in the Pitt Center). It hasn't had the time to get the identity for that."

Nevertheless, the Pitt Center crowd was noticeably louder than most games. SHU fans vastly outnumbered UB's supporters, and hecklers seemed to impact the Purple Knights down the stretch.

SHU goes on the road for its next four games beginning with last night's contest at Southern Connecticut. Much closer to home, the Pioneers will visit Bridgeport for the final time next Wednesday night at 7:30.

Swimmers stroke to 6-5 record after first year.

By Kylie Lauder
Staff Writer

After its first season as a varsity team, one of Sacred Heart University's newest sports teams has established itself as a winning program.

The Sacred Heart University women's swimming team wrapped up their season with two wins last week. On Wednesday, they defeated Manhattan College 193-62, and this past Saturday, the Lady Pioneers swam to victory against the Coast Guard Academy, 149-71.

Wednesday was Senior Recognition Night which recognized

the efforts of the three seniors of the team Colleen Demirgian, Dana Westing, and Carrie Demirgian.

During the Pioneer Swimming Family Appreciation Day festivities, the captain position was passed down to junior, Kristy Barra. Barra will lead the swimming team into its second year of varsity intercollegiate competition.

Sophomore swimmer Patricia Welch of, Seekonk, Mass., said that the seniors were an essential part of the team's success during the past two weeks.

"It was great to see the seniors perform well in the last two meets," said Welch.

Winning both of last week's

meets allowed the team to come out of their first year as a Division I varsity team with a winning record of 6-5.

"With our first season over I'm very happy we were able to come out with a winning record," said Welch. "It shows how much work and dedication the team has put into this past season."

The team traveled to Florida over Christmas break to the International Swimming Hall of Fame where they competed in a beach mile swim. There were 52 Division I teams competing in the event, and Sacred Heart's squad finished in 12 place.

"It was great to compete in the beach swim because it was

something out of the ordinary, and it challenged us," said Meghan Kavanagh, a sophomore team member from Long Beach, N.Y.

"We ended up finishing in 12 spot so we did well up against 52 other teams," added Kavanagh.

On the way home from Florida the team competed in Greensboro, N.C., against Division I North Carolina A&T. The Lady Pioneers once again came out with a victory 82-13.

On Jan. 19, the team competed against Southern Connecticut State University. SCSU defeated the Lady Pioneers, but the event was not a total loss for SHU.

"Senior Dana Westing, turned in personal best times in

the 200-meter which got her first place in that event," said Pamela St. Martin, head coach of the swim team.

"Patti Saums, a freshman from Edison, N.J. came out with a personal best time of 2:05:28 in the 200 Free which gave her first place," added St. Martin.

The team is now preparing to travel to the University of Maryland-Baltimore County for the Northeast Conference Championships where they hope to finish among the conference leaders.

This will be the first year for a Division I swimming championships for Sacred Heart University.

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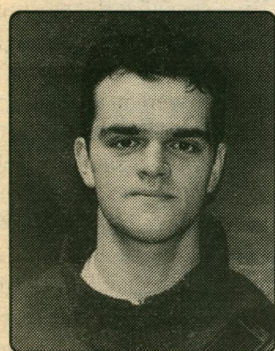
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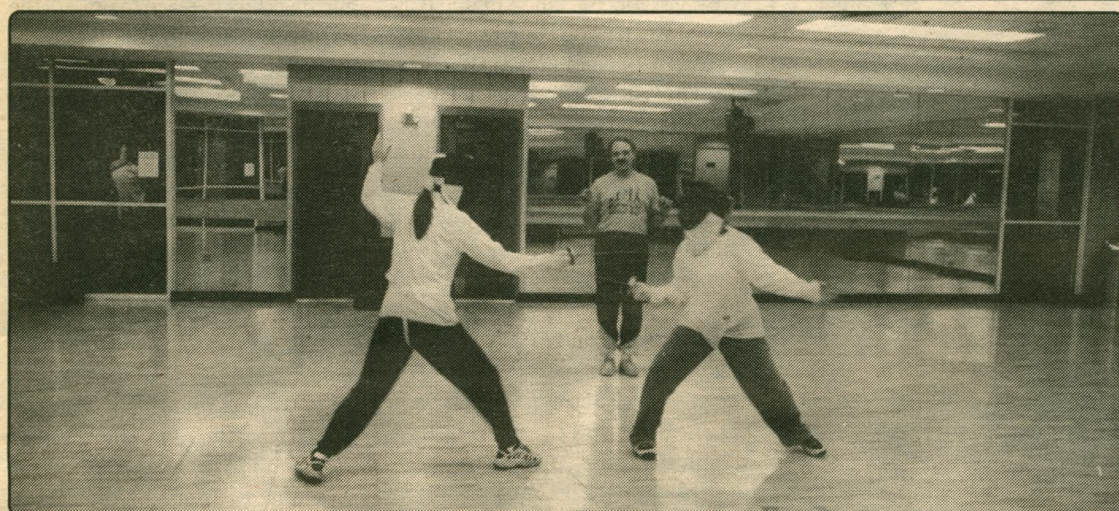


Photo by Gail Sinner

Tom Ciccarone instructs two fencers during a practice session at the Pitt Center.

Fencers fight to foil foes

By Jason Havelka
 Staff Writer

Everyone has seen films of swashbuckling heroes and masked villains clashing in death defying sword-fights. The speed, accuracy and focused concentration used appears to be amazing special effects, but in actuality, they happen every day of the week, unnoticed in the aerobics room of the Pitt Center.

"There is no sport in the world which rivals fencing in speed and sheer concentration," says Coach Tom Ciccarone. "It can only be compared to a chess match at warp speed."

Wishing to offer a full line of Division I varsity sports, the university added fencing in September to the 31 sports already active on campus. "All Division I Ivy League schools have a fencing team," says Ciccarone. "In the school's jump to Division I, a fencing team was a necessity to stay

competitive."

To guarantee the success of this new sport, the athletic department has invested in state-of-the-art equipment. "We have enough equipment to suit up 27 fencers in full gear at one time," said Ciccarone.

Sacred Heart also seems to have spared no expense by landing Ciccarone, who has coached students to national championships and currently has a prospect that may very well compete in the Olympic Games next year.

He is the head of the Connecticut Section of the United States Fencing Association and a professional referee. "You don't have to have athletic ability to fence, just a drive to learn and succeed," he says.

The team co-captains, sophomore Amanda Damur (Hopkins, N.H.) and freshman Eryk Furman (Hampton,) love the adrenaline rush that comes with squaring off for battle against an opponent.

"The level of concentration is

so intense that your mind handles it automatically," says Damur. "The action so fast, footwork is the real key," adds Furman.

Opponents square off in a rectangular area, 46 feet long and five feet wide, while points are scored by hits being recorded by strikes on a steel electrically charged suits.

The Pioneers have competed in one tournament thus far, entering three women in a four-women team tournament. "For only fencing for four months, these girls left quite an impression on everyone at the tournament," says Ciccarone.

Despite being down one player, the team recorded one tie and two close losses, which could have easily been victories if a full team was present, the coach stated.

"There's no experience needed, just a lot of determination and the willingness to learn," says Ciccarone. The fencing team is still seeking new members to help fill its roster. If interested, call Ciccarone at (203)-746-5880 or e-mail at fencorea@aol.com.

Sports Schedule Feb. 12-Feb. 17

THURSDAY

(M) Volleyball @ New Paltz, 7 p.m.

(M) Basketball @ NHC, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

(W) Ice Hockey vs. Trinity, 3 p.m.

(M) Ice Hockey vs. Quinnipiac, 7:30 p.m.

Wrestling @ AIC, noon.

TUESDAY

SUNDAY

(W) Ice Hockey vs. Wesleyan, 2 p.m.

(W) Basketball @ Bridgeport, 5:30 p.m.

MONDAY

(W) Basketball @ NHC, 5:30 p.m.

(M) Basketball @ Queens, 7 p.m.

Icewomen prepare for showdown with Wesleyan

By Jason Havelka
 Staff Writer

After being written off in the ECAC playoff previews for the division title, the Lady Pioneers advanced past the nation's third ranked team, RPI, on Saturday, then rallied from two goals down on Sunday to tie Williams College, 2-2. More importantly, the two victories into a two way tie for first place with division rival and next week's foe, Wesleyan College.

"It's games like this which reveal one's true character, so I told the team to go out there and show me what you're made of," said coach Trina Bourget. "And they did."

Last Friday Wesleyan was upset by University of Vermont, which enabled the Pioneers (8-2-2) to move into a tie for first place.

Against Williams, the Pioneers went down early in the first two periods, 2-0, and faced defeat with the loss of junior Jamie Stimet in the beginning of the third period to injury. With 1:13 remain-

ing, the team rallied with the help of junior Lauren Wiggins, who scored her first goal of the game with one minute remaining.

After pulling Freshman goalie Anna Alveari to add more offense to the ice, senior captain Sarah Hanna scored with 12 seconds remaining to complete the tie and gain first place in the division. "It was a huge weekend for the team, but this next game will be by far the biggest game of the season," said Bourget.

On Saturday at 3 p.m., the Pioneers will try to take sole possession on first place when they square off against Division foe Wesleyan.

Not only is it the most important game of the year, but the women's ice hockey team is using the game to support the American Heart Foundation. There will be an entry fee of \$5 for adults and \$3 for SHU students and children. After the game the Pioneers will invite spectators to a public skating session with the players. Rentals will be \$3 and the proceeds will benefit the American Heart Foundation.

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Warnock leads SHU track

By Emily Greenough
 Staff Writer

Senior captain Meghan Warnock led the indoor track team this past Sunday at the Brown University Alden Invitational.

Not only did she finish first in the triple jump (34'.0"), Warnock broke the recently set 55-meter hurdle record with 9.37 seconds. Warnock also leaped her personal best in the long jump (15'3").

"Meghan Warnock is having a great season," says Coach Christian Morrison. "She got off to a slow start in college track, but her recent performances show what can happen if an athlete sticks with it for four years. I'm really

proud of her."

The meet did not have team scoring, only individuals from college athletes and club members. Morrison decided not to have his distance runners compete in this meet in order to rest them up for the more important upcoming championships.

The men's jumping team recorded another solid performance. Senior tri-captain Morrise Harbour also the triple jump with a leap of 44'6." Junior Shawn Keenan placed fourth in the triple jump. Freshman Gaetano Marra jumped to fourth place with a leap of 6'7" in the high jump.

Sophomore Mike Benedetto broke his school record once more in the long jump with a leap of

21'9."

Sophomores Brandi Blevins and Andrea Klanko finished third and fourth in the weight throw, respectively.

Freshman runner John Morash set a SHU indoor record with a time of 2:03.08 for the 800 meter run, and freshman

Heidi Cheever broke her own school record in the 400 meter race with a time of 1:03.19. Sophomore Luanne Centrella also broke her school record in the 3000 meter racewalk, with a time of 21:11.35.

The team will be competing in the Collegiate Track Conference Indoor Championship Saturday night and Sunday, Valentine's Day, at Southern Connecticut State University.

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SHU's interest

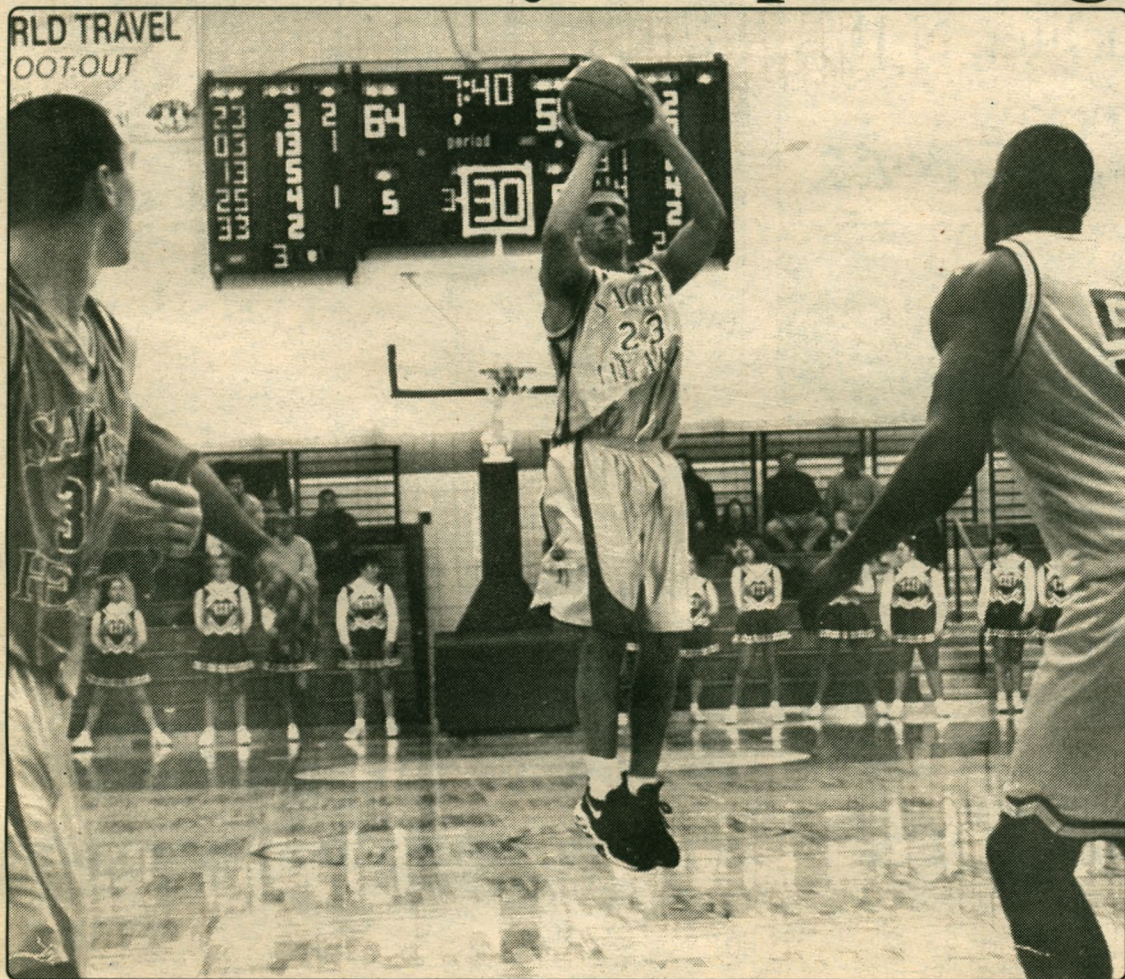
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Pioneers slay Purple Knights in NECC duel



By Matt Duda
Sports Editor

In a game that evoked memories of heated contests in an old, highly competitive rivalry, Sacred Heart's men's basketball team edged Bridgeport 72-64, Monday before a spirited crowd of nearly 1,000 at the Pitt Center.

SHU raised its record to 9-14, 8-6 in the New England Collegiate Conference. Bridgeport lost its 15th straight NECC game and stands at 2-21 on the season. In its two seasons of play in the Pitt Center, the Pioneers are 15-3.

"I expect anything. I don't care what their record is. There's no guarantee of a win," SHU coach Dave Bike said of his long-time about the cross-town rival.

Although the Purple Knights never led in the game, it was close throughout, with SHU taking a slim 28-22 lead into the half. That margin was attributable in large measure to senior co-captain John Randazzo, who led the team into the locker room with 13 points, including three three-pointers. Randazzo hit his third trey of the game with 6:45 remaining before

the break, bringing his season total to 72 and equaling Darin Robinson's second-place mark in Pioneer history.

Randazzo surpassed that mark in the second half before tying Robinson again. This time, Randazzo matched the two-time All-American's school record of 75 on the season list with his sixth and final trey with 47.2 seconds left to give SHU a 66-57 lead.

"I'd be lying if I said it didn't cross my mind tonight," Randazzo admitted about the records. "I should have the record. I didn't shoot well tonight. I missed a lot of shots I should have made."

Randazzo engaged in a long-range shooting war with UB guard Billy Blackburn, each finishing with six three's on the night.

Randazzo concluded the night with a game-high 28 points on 9-17 shooting. Blackburn topped UB with 22 on 7-20 shooting. Neither team shot well in the first half, Bridgeport making 25.8 percent and SHU 32.3 percent. They finished at 34 percent and 40 percent, respectively.

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John Randazzo lets loose one of his school-record tying 75 three-pointers in a game earlier this year.

Seniors lead SHU past UB in farewell game

By Julie Ann Nevero
Editor-in-Chief

The Sacred Heart women's basketball team defeated the University of Bridgeport 91-61 Monday night in the Pitt Center, bringing its record to 13-11 and 10-5 in the New England Collegiate Conference.

Captain Jessica Bresnahan and Shannon Walsh were honored for their four years of play for the Lady Pioneers in a short ceremony conducted by Athletic Director Don Cook prior to the start of the last home game this season.

A moment of silence was observed for former UB coach Harvey Herer who passed away

two weeks ago. Herer coached the UB women's team for six years. SHU raised \$500 for the Harvey Herer Scholarship Fund and a check was presented to Herer's wife, Claire.

The Lady Pioneers went on a 7-0 run to open the second half and never looked back. UB had a small run in the second but SHU quickly rebounded and opened the gap.

"It's always fun when you play well," said coach Ed Swanson. "We were relaxed and everything was flowing nicely."

Junior Katie Toole led the scoring for SHU with 20 points including six from behind the arch, her second highest total for threes in a game.

Sophomore Heather Coonradt and junior Heather Yablonski scored double digits in the first half. Coonradt had a career high 18 points at the end of play while Yablonski sank 12.

Everybody scored in the game for SHU, other top point getters included Bresnahan (9) and junior Dora Clark (8).

The Lady Pioneers will be on the road for their final three games of the season. The team faced SCSU last night and will return to action Monday at NHC before travelling to UB on Wednesday.

"Games are always different on the road," said Swanson. "It's important for us to finish strong and prove that we can win on the road."



File Photo
Junior Dora Clark looks to pass to a teammate against Bridgeport.

Power plays secure two wins for American

By Adam Lagnese
Staff Writer

The men's ice hockey team was swept this weekend by Metro Atlantic Athletic Association opponent American International. The Pioneers say they were in control the whole weekend yet couldn't seem to notch a win.

The pair of losses dropped SHU's record to 5-16-1 overall. They stand at 5-14-1 in the MAAC.

"We dominated the whole weekend," said senior centerman Billy Demetriades, "but we couldn't win. We outplayed, out shot and out hit them. They caught lucky bounces and we did not."

When the icemen were down 2-1 on Saturday night, freshman Emanuel Molina scored the game-tying goal.

Unfortunately for the Pioneers, their celebration turned to disbelief. The goal was called back when it was ruled that freshman Peter McRae had jumped offside. The Pioneers went on to lose the game 3-2.

Said Demetriades, "That was a tough call for us. It seemed to take the wind out of our sails."

Penalties have spelled doom for SHU several times this season. "The two goals we gave up while shorthanded definitely hurt us," said senior co-captain and defenseman Neil Welch.

Opponents convert on 20 percent of their power plays. The Pioneers hit the net on just 8 percent.

"A lot of games would have been closer and we would have had more opportunities to win, had we not take so many penalties," Welch added.

Welch says that when they don't take a lot of penalties, they were either in the game or had.

"When we are disciplined, we play much better," he said.

Freshman defenseman Jay Reed noted that the team tends to take a lot of stupid penalties.

"We have to watch that we don't take (stupid penalties) at crucial parts of the game," said Reed.

"If we stay out of the box and come to play, we can beat any team in the league."

Reed also noted that the team has improved tremendously from the beginning of the season.

According to junior defenseman and co-captain Derek Young, penalties really hurt the team this weekend.

"They capitalized on our mistakes and penalties," said Young. "We had our chances to put the puck in the net, but we just didn't bury the biscuit."

Young said the Pioneers should have won this weekend because of the way they dominated the games.

"We worked hard, got oppor-

tunities, but we weren't able to execute. When we made mistakes, they took advantage," he said.

Despite losing both games, the Pioneers had some highlights on the weekend. McRae tallied his 14th goal of the season to increase his team lead, while Eric Drake notched his sixth to add to his team lead in points.

Drake has 14 assists this season, giving him a team-leading 20 points on the year.

With playoffs right around the corner, the icemen have the weekend off. They lace up their skates for a 7:30 game on Feb. 16, against Quinnipiac at the Milford Ice Pavilion.